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AND ITS DRIVE METHOD

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2006, the term for response to which expires on September 5, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 5-11, 13 and 17-23 are amended, and claims 2-4, 12, 14-16 and 24 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.